

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re:	:	
FLATIRON HEALTH, INC.,	:	Docket #1:19-cv-08999-
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Plaintiff,	:	
- against -	:	
TEMPUS, INC., et al.,	:	New York, New York
Defendants.	:	December 3, 2019
	:	<u>TELEPHONE CONFERENCE</u>
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PROCEEDINGS BEFORE
THE HONORABLE JUDGE DEBRA C. FREEMAN,
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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HONORABLE DEBRA C. FREEMAN (THE COURT) : Hi.

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This is Judge Freeman. They finally have you on. All
right. Who do I have on plaintiff's side?

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MR. ROBERT HANEY: For plaintiff, Robert Haney and
6 Jordan Joachim from Covington & Burling.

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THE COURT: Okay.

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And on defendants' side?

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MR. SCOTT MUSOFF: Good afternoon, your Honor.
10 You have Scott Musoff and Julie Cohen from Skadden Arps.

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THE COURT: Okay. So taking a step back for a
12 second, Judge Marrero filled me in about what this case is
13 about. He filled me in as to why he was looking for as
14 early a trial date as possible. He thought you might have
15 some difficulty agreeing on a trial date, and so he
16 referred it to me to see if I could help keep the waters
17 smooth and, you know, help come up with a viable plan.

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Then you wrote to him and you gave him a range of
19 dates that you thought would work. And he reported to me
20 that he has a criminal trial scheduled at that time, and
21 that, I guess, is the first week in February; and he's not
22 going to be able to move that trial, and so he cannot
23 actually do a trial in February. And he asked me whether,
24 if the parties were to consent, which is something that I
25 don't push for, but he was thinking of bringing it forward,

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2 he asked me if I would be able to try the case at that
3 time. As of now the answer is no because I'm also
4 scheduled to be on trial at that time, although the trial
5 that I have might possibly be something that could be
6 moved. It's a civil trial, not a criminal trial, and it's
7 not a lengthy one. And even if I couldn't move it, I might
8 have some time, maybe the following week, when I could help
9 you out if you wanted to do that.

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So that's the first lay-of-the-land issue there.
11 And I wanted to talk through with you what the options are
12 for trial. He told me that he will not -- you know, after
13 January, he will not have any time where he could try the
14 case until mid-March, but he's very cognizant of the fact
15 that he issued the preliminary injunction, and he doesn't
16 want, you know, the plaintiff to effectively have the
17 relief it's seeking simply by having this trial occur so
18 late in the game.

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I also asked him whether he thought the case might
20 be capable of being settled, whether it might be possible
21 to get the case settled. I gather you were in some sort of
22 settlement conference at the circuit level yesterday. I
23 don't know how substantial that was or whether that -- like
24 it might be going anywhere or anything. But that's on my
25 agenda to raise with you, as well, because obviously if you

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2 can manage to resolve this case, and let's say several
3 civil cases are -- you know, can be settled, then you don't
4 have to worry about a trial date. So I wanted to get a
5 sense from you as to whether you thought it might be
6 possible, you know, whether it has to be an all-or-nothing
7 sort of scenario and, you know, whether I can help you on
8 that front.

9 And then, you know, anything else that you have on
10 your potential list of things to discuss with me, I'm here
11 and available to hear from you.

12 MR. MUSOFF: Thank you, Judge Freeman. This is
13 Scott Musoff for the defendant, Dr. Carson. In terms of
14 yesterday, I think it was not successful, and perhaps at
15 this stage just leave it at that.

16 In terms of trial dates --

17 THE COURT: Let me just ask you. I mean, it's
18 been a long time since I went to a Second Circuit mediation
19 session on, you know, when there was an appeal pending. I
20 mean, I've been on this bench for a lot of years now. But
21 my recollection was that it's not quite the same thing as,
22 you know, as having a, you know, several-hour, several-
23 minute conference with a magistrate judge and sort of
24 really leaning into it and exploring all the options. So
25 I'm also not sure whether you honestly think the case

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2 cannot be settled or whether just yesterday was not
3 successful.

4 MR. MUSOFF: This is Scott again. I agree with
5 your characterization process-wise 100%. I've had much
6 more success with magistrate judges in the Southern
7 District than I have ever had at a Second Circuit cam-
8 conference, not to say that they may in certain cases be
9 effective, but I agree with you.

10 I would defer perhaps to the plaintiff on the
11 question about whether another session would be productive,
12 but I agree a telephonic cam-conference wasn't necessarily
13 the most --

14 THE COURT: It was telephonic, too?

15 THE COURT: Yes. That's not necessarily the
16 recipe for how to settle a difficult case.

17 MR. HANEY: Your Honor, this is Robert Haney. My
18 own instinct is it's probably worth a try at some point. I
19 suspect both sets of clients are moving up the learning
20 curve as to what a trial in January is going to look like
21 or whenever it occurs. And maybe in a couple of weeks it
22 would make sense to come in, having just gone through, even
23 though it was not in person, it was a three-hour session
24 and there was actually a fair amount of discussion that
25 took place. It didn't really lead to any progress, but

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2 maybe after a break, having a session where the parties
3 come in and have a discussion with your Honor might be
4 productive.

5 THE COURT: Yes. Talk to me a little bit about
6 this case. I know there's a non-compete. You know, if the
7 case were settleable, you know, where might there be some
8 give somewhere for compromise? I said, you know, all or
9 nothing is hard, but it doesn't necessarily have to be
10 that.

11 MR. MUSOFF: This is Dave Musoff. Can I talk
12 about what we were talking about yesterday --

13 THE COURT: Well, I have the case for general
14 pretrial supervision, which includes things like helping
15 the parties with settlement. And we don't have to have
16 this in an on-the-record call. I do have recording
17 equipment so that you can have a transcript if you want
18 with any conference we have in chambers, but I'm happy to
19 pause it and hear from you confidentially about settlement
20 positions.

21 MR. MUSOFF: That would be okay with me.

22 MR. HANEY: And that would be fine, as well.

23 THE COURT: Okay.

24 (Whereupon, the matter is adjourned.)

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